BOOKS & RESOURCES

GROWING INDIGENOUS PLANTS

Complete Garden Guide to the Native Perennials of California, Glenn Keator, Chronicle Books, San Francisco.

Great guide, nice drawings, has everything about garden-worthy perennials.

Complete Garden Guide to the Native Shrubs of California, Glenn Keator, Chronicle Books, San Francisco.

Same for shrubs.

Creative Propagation, a Grower's Guide, Peter Thompson, Timber Press, Portland Oregon.

Good instructions for do-it-yourself propagation at home.

Growing California Native Plants, Marjorie G. Schmidt, University of California Press, Berkeley.

Good on all phases of growing, including plant lists for different garden situations.

Native Plants for Use in the California Landscape, Emile L. Labadie, Sierra City Press. Out of print.

If you see it at a used bookstore, pick it up. Nice drawings and one-page instruction sheets on many species.

Seed Propagation of Native California Plants, Dara E. Emery, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

Available from the botanic garden or from California Native Plant Society (CNPS). If you want to try growing from seed, this is a good book to have.

PLANT IDENTIFICATION

Flora of San Bruno Mountain, Elizabeth McClintock, Paul Reeberg, and Walter Knight, CNPS.

Description of the natives of this particular area of San Francisco.

Flowers of Point Reyes National Seashore, Roxana S. Ferris, University of California Press, Berkeley.

Grasses of California, Beecher Crampton, University of California Press, Berkeley. Best book for grass identification.

Jepson Manual, University of California Press, Berkeley. The bible of plant identification for all 8,000 natives.

Marin Flora, John T Howell, University of California Press, Berkeley. Has keys to the natives of Marin.

Plants of the Coast Redwood Region, by Kathleen Lyons and Beth Cooney-Lazaneo, Looking Press, Boulder Creek.

Beautiful color photos.

Plants of the San Francisco Bay Region, Eugene N. Kozloff and Linda H. Beidleman, Sagen Press, Pacific Grove, CA.

Available in many bookstores or from CNPS. Great color pictures for identifying plants.

Shore Wildflowers of California, Oregon and Washington, Philip A. Munz, University of California Press, Berkeley.

Some color pictures and many drawings of most of our seaside plants.

Spring Wildflowers of the San Francisco Bay Region, Helen K. Sharsmith, University of California Press, Berkeley.

The standard beginner's guide to identifying wildflowers.

OTHER PLANT-RELATED BOOKS

California's Changing Landscapes; Diversity and Conservation of California Vegetation, Michael Barbour, Bruce Pavlik, Frank Drysdale, Susan Lindstron, CNPS. How human practices have changed California plant communities.

Common Butterflies of California, Bob Stewart, West Coast Lady Press.

Ecology and Restoration of Northern California Coastal Dunes, Andrea J. Pickart, John Sawyer, CNPS.

All you want to know on this subject.

Kashaya Pomo Plants, Jennie Goodrich, Claudia Lawson, Vana Parrish Lawson. Native American plant uses.

A Wildflower by Any Other Name, Karen B. Nilsson, Yosemite Association. A great book of stories of the early California plant explorers, Echscholtz, Chamisso, Florence Bailey, Nuttall, Kellogg, Coulter, and Fremont.

LOCAL SOURCES OF INDIGENOUS PLANTS

CalFlora, Sommers Lane, Fulton, just north of Santa Rosa. (707) 528-8813. Sherrie Althouse or Phil Van Solen

Go Native Nursery, 330 Cypress Avenue, Moss Beach. (650) 758-2286 & www.gonative nursery.com

Larner Seeds, 235 Grove Road, Bolinas, West Marin. (415) 868-9407. www.larnerseeds.com. Judith Lowery

Mostly Natives, 27235 Highway 1, Tomales, northwest Marin. (707) 878-2009. www.mostlynatives.com. Walter Earle

North Coast Natives, Petaluma/Two Rock, (707) 769-1213. Dan Segal

Yerba Buena Nursery, 19500 Skyline Boulevard, Woodside. (415) 851-1668